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The initial response to Turner's selection was favorable. Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker, who opposed Sorensen, said he found Turner "an impressive man."

Carter Chooses Classmate As Chief of Intelligence

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON. — President Carter picked Adm. Stansfield Turner, a classmate of Mr. Carter's in the Naval Academy class of 1947, to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

Adm. Turner, currently Commander-in-Chief of U.S. forces in Southern Europe, is considered an innovative, strategic thinker whose special expertise is in the build-up of the Soviet Navy. Mr. Carter's first choice for the agency, Theodore Sorensen, withdrew last month after Senate opposition rendered his confirmation doubtful.

The President told his Cabinet yesterday that he has "never known a better military person" than Adm. Turner and said the admiral is talented enough to become "the next George Marshall."

In another personnel decision, Mr. Carter is retaining Jack M. Eckerd, a Florida drugstore executive, as head of the General Services Administration. Mr. Eckerd, a Republican, was named to the post by President Ford, but a White House spokesman said yesterday that various Florida Democrats, including Gov. Reubin Askew, have urged Mr. Carter to keep him in the GSA post. The GSA is the government's supply and housekeeping agency.